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1. SUPREME SOVIET STAFFERS JULY 25 PROVIDED US WITH FOLLOWING
PROGRAM (MAXIMUM DRIVING TIMES SHOWN IN PARENTHESES):

AUGUST 7 THROUGHT AUGUST 9: LENINGRAD (WIVES AND CODEL
TOGETHER THROUGHOUT)

-PROGRAM TO INCLUDE UNOFFICIAL ARRIVAL, LAYING OF WREATH
AT MEMORIAL CEMETERY, UNOFFICIAL MEETING WITH CITY
OFFICIALS (FOR BRIEFING ON CITY OF LENINGRAD; NO
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS), CITY TOUR, OFFICIAL UNCH GIVEN
BY CITY OFFICIALS, TRIP BY BOAT TO PETRODVORETS, VISIT
TO COLLECTIVE FARM, OTHER VISITS AS DESIRED.

-DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN COOPERATION
WITH CONGEN. FYI: WE PRESSED SOVIETS FOR DETAILED
LENINGRAD SCHEDULE; THEY SAID THEY WOULD DO THEIR BEST
BUT NOTED THAT USUAL SOVIET PRACTICE WAS TO FINALIZE
INFORMAL PART OF PROGRAM DAY OR SO BEFORE ARRIVAL.

AUGUST 10 (SUNDAY)

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- MORNING FLIGHT TO MOSCOW

- OFFICIAL GREETING AT AIRPORT, PROCEED TO HOTEL (30 MINUTES FROM AIRPORT)

- LUNCH AT HOTEL

- EARLY AFTERNOON BRIEFING AT EMBASSY (20 MINUTES FROM HOTEL)

- VISIT TO U.S. EXHIBITION "TECHNOLOGY IN THE AMERICAN HOME" (15 MINUTES FROM EMBASSY)

- LATE AFTERNOON TOUR OF KREMLIN (15 MINUTES FROM EXHIBITION)

- DINNER AT HOTEL (30 MINUTES FROM KREMLIN)

- CULTURAL EVENT OR CIRCUS (20 MINUTES FROM HOTEL)

AUGUST 11 (MONDAY)

- 0945 WREATH-LAYING AT TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER AT KREMLIN (20 MINUTES FROM HOTEL)

- 1000 TO 1030 OFFICIAL VISIT IN GRAND KREMLIN PALACE WITH TOP SUPREME SOVIET DEPUTIES

- 1045 TO 1245 BUSINESS MEETING AT KREMLIN WITH SUPREME SOVIET DEPUTIES

- LUNCH AT HOTEL (20 MINUTES FROM KREMLIN)

- 1530 TO 1730 SECOND BUSINESS MEETING AT KREMLIN (20 MINUTES FROM HOTEL)

- 1900 RECEPTION AT SPASO HOUSE (10 MINUTES FROM KREMLIN, 20 MINUTES FROM HOTEL)

- WIVES: MORNING VISIT TO PIONEER PALACE (SUPREME SOVIET NOW TELLS US NEAREST PIONEER CAMP IS TOO FAR FROM CITY), AFTERNOON VISIT TO YUSUPOV PALACE, ARKHANGELSKOYE

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AUGUST 12 (TUESDAY)

- 1000 TO 1200 FINAL BUSINESS MEETING IN KREMLIN (20 MINUTES FROM HOTEL)

- 1230 PRESS CONFERENCE (10 MINUTES IF HELD AT EMBASSY, 20 MINUTES IF AT HOTEL)

- LUNCH AT HOTEL

- AFTERNOON TRIP TO ZAGORSK (ONE HOUR EACH WAY, BUT PICTURESQUE TRIP)

- DINNER HOSTED BY SUPREME SOVIET (20 MINUTES FROM HOTEL)

- WIVES: MORNING VISIT TO TRETYAKOV ART GALLERY

AUGUST 13 (WEDNESDAY) THROUGH AUGUST 15 (FRIDAY)

-PROGRAM TO INCLUDE DEPARTURE FOR BLACK SEA, FREE TIME FOR RELAXATION AT BEACH, POSSIBLE VISIT TO WINE FACTORY, POSSIBLE VISIT TO SEVASTOPOL (PICTURESQUE AND HISTORIC CITY NORMALLY CLOSED TO WESTERNERS), POSSIBLE VISIT TO "SANITORIUM" (GOVERNMENT-RUN REST FACILITY).

- DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT WITH CODEL IN MOSCOW

- DEPARTURE FROM BLACK SEA FOR BUCHAREST

2. SOVIETS SAID THEY WERE CERTAIN "HIGH-LEVEL" MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE BUT THEY PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW WHEN OR WITH WHOM. THEY ADDED THAT MOSCOW AND BLACK SEA PROGRAM HAD NOT BEEN FULLY CLEARED BY THEIR SUPERVISORS.

3. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF HOTEL ASTORIA IN LENINGRAD IS 191-10-00. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF HOTEL SOVIETSKAYA IN MOSCOW IS 250-23-42. HOTEL AT BLACK SEA HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED.

4. SUPREME SOVIET OFFICIAL SSAID THEY UNDERSTOOD AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CODEL REGARDING SUBSTANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF WORKING SESSIONS IN MOSCOW. THEY SAID TOPICS SOVIET SIDE WISHED TO DISCUSS INCLUDED SALT, NUCLEAR TESTING, OTHER DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS, ALL ASPECTS OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, THE MIDDLE EAST. SOVIET SIDE WOULD ALSO BE GLAD TO DISCUSS ANY TOPICS CODEL WISHED TO RAISE.

5. WE REQUESTED SOVIET PERMISSION JULY 24 (BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO MFA) FOR CODEL TO USE WALKIE-TALKIES. FYI: WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT PERMISSION WLL BE GRANTED. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, SECRETARY SIMON'S PARTY WAS REFUSED PERMISSION DURING SIMON'S LAST VISIT TO MOSCOW IN APRIL. END FYI.

6. AS DRAFT SCHEDULE INDICATED, WE BELIEVE GISIT TO COLLECTIVE FARM CAN BE BEST PROGRAMMED FOR LENINGRAD. "TECHNOLOGY IN AMERICAN HOME" DIRECTOR URSINO WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO

ESCORT CODEL THROUGH EXHIBIT. COMMENT: WE ASSUME CODEL WOULD WISH TO SEE TAH IN FULL OPERATION. AS EXHIBIT IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS, SUNDAY AFTERNOON APPEARS TO BE ONLY AVAILABLE TIME FOR CODEL VISIT.

7. REGARDING PRESS CONFERENCE (PARA E OF STATE 169164), WE WOULD APPRECIATE CODEL CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF PRESS BACKGROUNDER GIVEN BY SENIOR CODEL MEMBERS FOR SMALL U.S. PRESS POOL WEDNESDAY MORNING, PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR BLACK SEA. THIS WOULD BE MOST GRATIFYING TO LOCAL U.S. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES, WHO WILL NOT HAVE CHANCE FOR INTENSIVE DISCUSSION WITH CODEL DURING PRESS CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY SOVIET AND THIRD-COUNTRY JOURNALISTS. PLEASE ADVISE.

8. WE WERE ABLE TO PRY OUT OF OUR SUPREME SOVIET CONTACTS A COPY OF THE OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE BOOK "DEPUTATY", WHICH CONTAINS INVALUABLE PHOTOGRAPHS AND BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW SUPREME SOVIET. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CODEL STAFF OR DEPARTMENT ESCORTS BRINGING COPIES OF LATEST CONGRESSIONAL PICTORIAL DIRECTORY FOR PRESENTATION TO SUPREME SOVIET STAFF.

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